



## Scottish Rugby Clubs & Schools Communications

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### Dunbar RFC

In the latest edition of Club Communications, Tartan Touch hubs hit record numbers, RugbyForce returns and we have a notification of a SCRUMS registration review.



## Record Number of Tartan Touch Hubs for 2020

**Scottish Rugby has announced the clubs which will be Tartan Touch hubs for the 2020 season, with a record number of successful applicants being chosen.**

The popular form of non-contact rugby will see another 18 newly-established hubs added to the programme, which now has over 60 clubs signed up for the season, which runs from May to July.

Last year saw over 4,000 players take part in the modified version of the game which can enable clubs to help develop various benefits, such as an income revenue stream and new playing members. Since 2018 the number of hubs in clubs across Scotland has doubled from 30-60.

Caitlin Gould, Club Captain at Lismore, commented that Tartan Touch has played a huge

part in developing the culture at the club: “I can't imagine my summers without it now! It is a wonderful vehicle for us to bring together members from across the club, as well as their family and friends, and of course those in our local community.

“One of the most important aspects about Tartan Touch for us is that it's such an inclusive format as it puts everyone - regardless of age, gender or ability - on a level playing field. Tartan Touch allows for lots of meaningful conversations to take place between the club and the wider community, showing that we are more than just a rugby club and that there are many ways to get involved.

“It's also helped us to forge stronger connections between our youth and senior players too. And, if we end up converting participants into players, then that's simply a bonus.”

[Find out more](#)

## Royal Bank RugbyForce Returns



**Royal Bank RugbyForce returns for 2020, continuing to provide clubs with the expertise and tools they need to make more of their facilities on and off the pitch!**

Royal Bank RugbyForce is a grassroots initiative run by Royal Bank of Scotland in association with Scottish Rugby. The programme is designed to help clubs up and down the country to attract and retain members, develop their facilities to play a bigger part of their community and be more sustainable for the future.

This year marks the 12th year of the Royal Bank of Scotland and Scottish Rugby delivering the programme together and the Royal Bank RugbyForce programme has supported 75% of Scotland's grassroots clubs since its inception, because Royal Bank know that a rugby life is a better life.

Link to apply: [bit.ly/RoyalBankRugbyForce2020App](https://bit.ly/RoyalBankRugbyForce2020App)

### Early Application Prize Draw

Royal Bank will reward clubs that submit their applications early. Any clubs that submit their application before midnight on Thursday 27 February and send us a short video giving us an insight into life at their club stand to win a place to attend the Scotland Team Run held at BT Murrayfield on Saturday 7 March.

Perhaps you could show us what you plan to do at your Royal Bank RugbyForce day? Or tell us what values make your club stand out from the rest. Or simply just a quick shout out from a selection of your club members.

Send it to us however you want – email, social media, file sharing – before Thursday 27 Feb. We're not expecting an epic blockbuster, just a short simple film from your mobile will do the job!

16+ Only, Terms and Conditions Apply [bit.ly/RBRF2020VideoDraw](https://bit.ly/RBRF2020VideoDraw)

Closes 27/02/20

## RugbyForce Video

### Consultation: Disciplinary Rules

**We would ask all clubs to remind their players and coaches that:**

Many recreational drugs (cocaine, amphetamines, cannabis, MDMA, etc.) are prohibited in-competition under the WADA Code. This means that if they are found in a player's system at a match then they face a potential 4 year ban from all sport.

Traces of such drugs can stay in a player's system for days or even weeks after use.

Click [HERE](#) for Scottish Rugby's Illicit Drugs Policy.

### Concussion Policy

**We would remind all clubs that compliance with Scottish Rugby's Concussion Policy is mandatory.**

Please remember that:

The key message is **If in doubt, sit them out;** and

The earliest return date following concussion is day 23 post injury for players under the age of 19 and day 12 for older players.

Our Concussion Policy is available to download [HERE](#)

## SCRUMS Annual Validation



**Later this month we will be contacting all individuals that have registered in SCRUMS (including parents of U18s) to give them the opportunity to view a summary of their registrations and remove anything that is no longer correct.**

This will allow players to remove themselves from a club / school if they are no longer playing there and parents of U18 players will be able to do the same for their children. Other SCRUMS users who have registered in non-playing roles will also be able to remove themselves from a club / school if they are no longer involved in a particular role.

The main reasons for doing this are to prevent inflated player numbers, and from a GDPR point of view, to avoid us holding personal information indefinitely. This is the first time we've undertaken this validation process, which will be repeated annually.

If you have any questions about the process please contact [scrums@sru.org.uk](mailto:scrums@sru.org.uk).

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You have received this email because of your role at your rugby club/school. If you are no longer the relevant person to receive these emails, please ask your Club/School to update the contact details on SCRUMS or email your contact at Scottish Rugby. Alternative, you can follow this link to the [Scottish Rugby Clubs & Schools Preference Centre](#) and unsubscribe from the mailing lists.